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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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VERONIQUE CHEVALIER ET AL

: ATTN: APPL. BRANCH

SERIAL NO.: 10/002,959

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FOR: COMPOSITION WITH A CONTINUOUS AQUEOUS PHASE CONTAINING L-2-OXOTHIAZOLDINE-4-CARBOXYLIC ACID

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-17.

Please add new claims 18-37 as follows:

18. A method of preventing light-induced ageing and/or environment-related stress of the skin, comprising applying a composition comprising:

a continuous aqueous phase comprising L-2-oxothiazolidine-4-carboxylic acid,

at least one sequestering agent, and at least one neutralizing agent, Docket No.

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment with Marked-Up Copy in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

Additional documents filed herewith:

In re Ochiai, 37 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995); Information Disclosure

Statement; Form PTO 1449; Cited References (6)

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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